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Ms. Judith A. Enck Regional Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 290 Broadway, 26th Floor New York, NY 10007-1866

Dear Administrator Enck:

The letter is to request the withdrawal of "Proposed Revision to the New York State Implementation Plan for PM_{2.5} (Annual NAAQS): New York Metropolitan Area" dated October 27, 2009. The proposed revision is no longer necessary because EPA has determined that the New York portion of the New York-N. New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area (New York Metropolitan Area, or NYMA) has attained the 1997 annual and the 2006 24-hour Fine Particle (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), and has approved a maintenance plan that provides for continued attainment of these NAAQS.

On June 27, 2013, DEC submitted a request for EPA to approve the redesignation of the NYMA for the 1997 annual and the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS. At the same time, DEC submitted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision containing a maintenance plan for the area that provides for continued maintenance of the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS. EPA approved the requested SIP revisions and redesignated the NYMA to attainment for the 1997 annual and the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS on April 18, 2014.

Please note that NYMA is currently attaining the 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS and EPA has proposed to designate the area as unclassifiable/attainment of that more stringent standard by December 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact David Shaw, Director of the Division of Air Resources, at (518) 402-8452.

Sincerely,

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